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through the House
And specially in the Senate not even a
mouse
Could list the big cheeses in the whole new
batch,
Such as Labor Committee chairman Orrin
Hatch
Or the next voice you hear when you ring
your Don Arneche
For the Budget Committee head, Pete V.
Domenici.

So our stockings are hung in hopes they
will fill,
Not only with names from Capitol Hill,
But with all who may get a Washington
lease
Under presidential counsel Edwin Meese.
And don't forget that transition team all
snug in their beds,
While visions of cabinet plums dance in
their heads.

It's true that the forecasts remain a little
vague
But "sources" keep bringing up Alexander
Haig
And other alumni from administrations
past
Instead of the expected brand new cast.
But there are some other names the gov-
ernment phone book may be listin'
Such as possible secretary of the treasury
Walter B. Wriston
And William French Smith, Mr. Reagan's
personal lawyer,
An attorney general who wouldn't be kept
waiting in the foyer.
Or there could be a change at the CIA, see?
Maybe campaign chieftain William J.
Casey.
And some say the secretary of transporta-
tion's shoe is
On the foot of a Pennsylvanian named
Drew Lewis.
With Richard Schweiker, who is also from
Penn.,
Mentioned for a post, we wonder what then
For William Scranton, a third from
Pennsylvania?
His absence from the press's speculation-
mania
Is like that of Elliot Richardson and some
other GOP voices
Who could hardly be overlooked before the
final choices.
But we digress in the age of Bill Brock.
Who may go to Commerce while Agricul-
ture goes to John Block.

As for those who are already home free,
Here are some names we find under
the tree.

If not a baker's dozen there's a Baker
times two,
Majority leader Howard and James, chief
of the White House crew.
And note the Senate committee chairmen
to put on the roll,
Such as Environment's Robert Stafford
and Finance's Robert Dole.
Just to add to the bubbling Republican
broth
Governmental Affairs will have William V.
Roth.
Tilling Agriculture's far-flung realms
Will be the man at the tiller, Jesse Helms,
While Energy's Idaho dynamo, as it were,
Comes under the name of James A.
McClure,
And Foreign Relations will be at the tender
mercy
Of Illinois internationalist Charles H.
Percy.
Closing the door of Banking's barn
Before the horses are stolen will be the job
of Jake Garn,
And to make Armed Services flourish and
flower
Hopes will ride high on John G. Tower.
On Appropriations Mr. Hatfield will sign
his Mark,
While Mr. Thurmond will Strom the Judi-
ciary strings from dawn to dark.
In the Commerce Committee any Demo-
cratic attack would
Be repelled by Oregon's not Robert but
plain Bob Packwood,
And at Veterans Affairs an ex-GI looking
for a pal
Will find Alan K. Simpson - "You know
me, Al."

The long line of names spirals out of our
sight,
So for now, Happy Reagan, and to all a
good night!